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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AN END-POINT IN  
CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING OF METAL LAYERS

The prior application is assigned of record to Applied Materials, Inc.,  
a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and  
Trademark Office and recorded on December 21, 1998 at 05673/0436.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	16
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### Enclosures:

- Application Cover Sheet.
- Disclosure Information including an:  
Information Disclosure Statement (2) pages.  
PTO-1449 (1) page citing (22) References.
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Under 35 USC §120, this application is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S.  
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of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/184,767, filed November 2, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,280,289, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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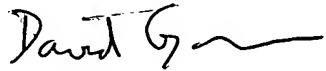
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